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BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON

In the matter of a Late Contribution and Expenditure Report) Final Order by Default
by Friends of Fred Bremner, Fred Bremner, Candidate,)
Gloria Bremner, Treasurer, for the Supplemental of 2005) Case No. L8566
)

August 14, 2006

Friends of Fred Bremner (004948)
Fred Bremner, Candidate / Gloria Bremner, Treasurer
27 Touchstone
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Dear Mr. Bremner:

This is a Final Order by Default issued by the Secretary of State (secretary) for your failure to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005.

On July 10, 2006, the secretary notified Friends of Fred Bremner (committee), pursuant to ORS 260.232(2), that it had failed to file the report and that the secretary may impose a civil penalty. An opportunity for a hearing was provided in that notice; however, no request for a hearing was received by the secretary within the time permitted in the notice. Accordingly, after consideration of the records and files of the secretary regarding this matter, the secretary is entering the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The committee's Statement of Organization (SEL 220), applicable during the reporting period, was filed with the secretary on May 17, 2004. The statement reported Gloria Bremner as the treasurer and 27 Touchstone, Lake Oswego, OR 97035 as the mailing address for both candidate and committee correspondence.
2. The committee was required to file a supplemental report with the secretary on September 12, 2005.
3. The secretary received the report on September 13, 2005, which is one business day after the date on which the report was due.
4. The committee reported no contributions and total expenditures of \$564.05 during the accounting period for the report.

5. On May 26, 2006, the secretary sent the committee a Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty. The notice was sent by both certified and first class mail to the candidate and was sent by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice proposed a civil penalty of \$16.92. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by G. Bremner on May 27, 2006.
6. On July 10, 2006, the secretary sent the committee a letter withdrawing the May 26, 2006, notice, because the penalty was incorrectly calculated. The notice of proposed civil penalty should have been \$50.00, because this is the candidate's second late violation. A new Notice of Proposed Civil Penalty for \$50.00 was sent to the candidate by both certified and first class mail, and by first class mail to the treasurer at the above-referenced address. The notice allowed the committee 20 days to request a hearing. The notice sent by certified mail was received and signed for by G. Bremner on July 11, 2006.
7. The committee did not request a public hearing or submit notarized testimony in lieu of a public hearing.
8. The secretary has record of one previous late filing during the two-year period beginning September 15, 2003.

ULTIMATE FINDINGS OF FACT

Fred Bremner, Candidate, and Gloria Bremner, Treasurer, failed to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Candidate Fred Bremner's and Treasurer Gloria Bremner's failure to file a timely supplemental contribution and expenditure report for 2005 violated ORS 260.068.

By statute, a maximum \$10,000 civil penalty may be imposed for this violation. The *2004 Campaign Finance Manual*, which contains a penalty calculation matrix on pages 101 and 102, is designated in OAR 165-012-0005 as the procedure manual for Oregon campaign finance regulations.

Under the penalty matrix, the maximum statutory penalty of \$10,000 is reduced to 3% of the total contributions or total expenditures—whichever is greater—for each business day the report was late as this is the second late violation by the candidate.

The penalty matrix sets a minimum penalty of \$50.00 for a candidate's or treasurer's second late violation.

ORDER

Payment of the proposed civil penalty of \$50.00 was received in the office of the Secretary of State on July 19, 2006. This Order will serve as your receipt and this matter is now considered closed.

RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was served to you. Because this Order was mailed to you, the date of service is the day it was *mailed*, not the day you received it. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day time period, you will lose your right to appeal.

Nancy Ferry, Compliance Specialist

DATE of Service: _____

c: Gloria Bremner, Treasurer
27 Touchstone
Lake Oswego, OR 97035